

Attorney Docket No. 06618-089003
Serial No.: 09/512,145
Amendment Dated February 6, 2004
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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Only claims 12 and 15 were rejected in this case; all other claims were indicated as allowable. These rejected claims are cancelled in order to obviate the issues relating thereto. However, applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications related to the subject matter of these now cancelled claims.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

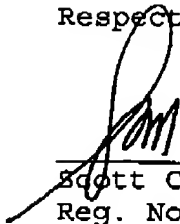
A notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested.

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